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Deputies' Meeting

Monday, 11 August 1952

PRESENT: General Smith, Messrs. Wisner, Wolf, Becker, Hedden, []

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General Smith:

a. Raised the question of [] replacement and, after some discussion, approved Mr. Wisner's recommendation that [] fill this position. In this connection, the Director stated that [] would be promoted if "he worked out all right."

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b. Noted that [] was coming in to see him tomorrow and there was a possibility that we might be able to hire him for use in DD/A's Procurement Program.

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c. Noted that [] was coming in to see him tomorrow to discuss employment and, after some discussion, directed [] to cancel this appointment. (NOTE: This has been done.)

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d. Referred to the item in the Log of 9 - 11 August and asked whether the individual referred to therein belonged to us. Mr. Wisner stated that this man was [] and that the [] had requested our assistance in returning him to [] jurisdiction. The DCI stated this was a matter of State Department concern.

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Mr. Wisner:

a. Noted that (1) the China briefing for the JCS was to be given this afternoon at 2 p.m.; (2) he and Mr. Dulles had monitored this briefing and "all the water had been squeezed out"; (3) [] was reporting for duty today and would attend; (4) he had been advised that the Joint Chiefs lent a great deal of importance to harassing operations. The Director stated that at the conclusion of the briefing Mr. Wisner would tell those present that we had been conservative in our presentation.

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Mr. Wisner (Cont'd.)

d. Reported that he had received word that TIME was preparing to release [] appointment this week and raised the question of advising [] of this matter. After some discussion, the Director (1) called [] and advised he was sending to him a proposed release on [] and, if it appeared that this matter was going to leak, the [] appointment should be released immediately; (2) asked Mr. Wisner to determine who had promised [] that he would be "given a break" on this story. In this connection, the DCI stated that no such promise had been made by the White House.

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f. Referred to the discussion held at a recent PSB Luncheon concerning \$52,000 needed for the development of a certain device and, after some discussion, the DCI directed Mr. Wisner to submit a project covering this amount for the development only of the device in question. The DCI also stated that the cost of production of the above-mentioned item was not our responsibility at this time; however, this matter should be discussed by the NSC Steering Committee. ~~DONE~~

Mr. Hedden:

a. Discussed the movement of the aircraft [] and noted that ten of the larger ones and a few of the smaller planes could, in all probability, be taken out. The Director stated that (1) the Navy should be advised this would be a "one-shot" job; (2) the C-54's which were the most valuable should be taken out first, followed by the smaller aircraft ~~and~~ such parts as could be moved.

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